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To: All Employees

From: State Director

Subject: Reminder of Arizona State Policy on Occupational Safety and Health

This Information Bulletin (IB) reminds employees of existing policy on Occupational Safety and Health for the Arizona Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The BLM is firmly committed to ensuring that our employees, contract workers, and volunteers return home to their families at the end of each and every day. I want to emphasize the importance of my commitment, to provide safe and healthy working conditions for all.

The BLM is committed to the prevention of injuries and work-related illnesses, protect BLM property, and provide safety for the public while visiting public lands. BLM Handbook 1112-2, Safety and Health for Field Operations, contains information and guidance on the Safety Program; District and Field Managers are responsible for implementing this policy within their respective District/Field Offices. The Risk Management Process will continue to be included as an integral part of every BLM operation and decision and will be used in our operational planning, decision making, and working environment. Factoring safety into your decisions is sound management and a best business practice.

Safety is a core value in all BLM operations and is not negotiable. It cannot be adjusted as conditions or budgets change but, must be a core business value that never changes. The BLM manages what are some of the country's most valuable resources, and BLM employees are our MOST valuable resource. It is critical that all employees view safety as a core value for which they are inherently responsible and take an active role in the prevention of occupational injuries and illnesses without relinquishing this responsibility for convenience or expediency. By using appropriate safety practices, administrative controls, and/or protective equipment, we take

personal responsibility for the health and safety of ourselves, fellow employees, and the visiting public. Each one of us can make a difference. Assistance in the various aspects of the Safety Program can be obtained from your local District Manager, Field Manager, District/Field Office Safety Officers or from the State Safety Manager.

If you have any questions, contact Bill Huntington, State Safety and Health Manager, Arizona State Office at 602-417-9261.

**SAFETY FIRST, EVERY JOB, EVERY TIME.**

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